

REMARKS

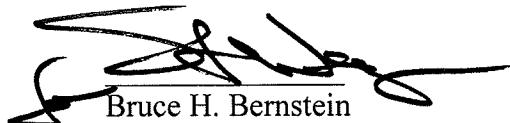
The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the non-entered response filed on December 3, 2009, and to thereafter enter the present amendments, which are presented to correct for minor errors in claims 1, 14 and 26. Specifically, Applicants amend claim 1 and 26 to correct typographic errors in the claims, in which the term "latcher" was inadvertently presented as "lather". Applicants also amend claim 14 to add the term "said" to place the claim in better U.S. form.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the arguments presented in the response filed on December 3, 2009, to conclude that the pending claims are allowable over the art of record, and to pass this application to issue.

Should an extension of time be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extensions of time required to place the application in condition for allowance by an Examiner's Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,
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